Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is well known that the program in question is full of inaccuracies and thoroughly mispresents Senator Kerry, a war hero through and through unlike his opponent in this election who made all efforts to avoid all service.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is clearly not being done wihen Sinclair airs a program with political aims in mind, a program which clearly distorts and twists the truth.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.